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JACKSON SAYS DETAINEE POLICY SHOWS THE WORLD

THE POWER OF OUR EXAMPLE

Washington, D.C. -- Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. made this statement about the White House letter to Governor Quinn on housing Guantanamo detainees in Illinois.

"I support President Obama's decision to close the detention center at Guantanamo Bay and send the prisoners to the Thomson Correctional Center in Illinois. The new arrangement will serve and strengthen our national security interests.

"I firmly believe that America's values, laws and system of justice are strong and durable enough to hold the Guantanamo detainees in our jails and try them in our courts. In allowing these detainees on our shores, America demonstrates once again the power of our example rather than the example of our power.

"We should and will not be known throughout the world for our prisons, but rather for our rights and justice."

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